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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9334

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

EC BRUSSELS 27

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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1. SINGAPORE STAFF MEMBERS JAKARTA ASEAN MEETING THOUGHT
JAKARTA MEETING WENT AS SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE WITH AGREE-
MENT ON JOINT DECLARATION EASILY REACHED. IT IS NOT
EXPECTED THAT ADDITIONAL ISSUES WILL BE RAISED BY ASEAN
MEMBERS IN TOKYO.

2. JAKARTA MEETING ALSO SET AGENDA FOR BANGKOK MEETING
WITH SOAMES. SINGAPORE DOES NOT EXPECT BANGKOK MEETING
TO AFFORD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS AS IT WILL BE
LIMITED TO FOUR SHORT SESSIONS. PRIMARY CONCERN WILL BE
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TO EMPHASIZE ONCE AGAIN ASEAN GROWING SENSE OF ISOLATION.

THEY VIEW THEMSELVES AS ONLY GROUP OF POOR COUNTRIES
CAPABLE OF EXERCISING REASON YET FIND THEMSELVES INCREASINGLY
EXCLUDED FROM BENEFICIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH MAIN TRADING
BLOCKS. SINGAPORE PRIMARY POINT WILL BE TO URGE ONCE
AGAIN ACCEPTANCE OF ACCUMULATIVE RULES OF ORIGIN. SINGA-
PORE BELIEVES OTHER ASEAN NATIONS FULLY SUPPORT
THEM IN THE BROADER CONCEPT OF ORIGIN.

3. SINGAPORE SKEPTICAL ABOUT PROGRESS THAT SHOULD BE
EXPECTED FROM MTN THIS YEAR OR EVEN NEXT. ONE MEMBER
DELEGATION TO TOKYO SAID SINGAPORE IS PROBABLY ONLY NATION
ENTERING TALKS WITH AUTHORITY TO LOWER TARIFFS TO ZERO.
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